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The Inspector-General of Police to The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

Police Department,
Inspector General's Office,
Sydney, 17th February, 1928.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of the Police Regulations, the Annual Report of the Police Department of this State for the year 1927 is submitted for your consideration.

Position in Regard to Crime.—The statistics compiled as to the number of cases dealt with by the Courts during the year ended 31st December last show that with regard to the number of cases of serious crime there were slight decreases of 7 and 63 respectively under the headings "Offences against the Person" and "Offences against Property, with Violence." On the other hand, however, there was an increase of 1,029 under the heading "Offences against Property, without Violence." The total number of offences under all headings showed an increase for the State of 7,355 cases over the figures for the previous twelve months.

Further Increase in Departmental Business.—The Department had a very busy year in 1927, the volume of Police business again showing a considerable increase, as the following particulars show:—

In the Inspector-General's office the number of papers dealt with was 292,795, as against 281,627 during 1926. The revenue collected under the Motor Traffic Act was £1,358,029, as compared with £1,120,060 for 1926.

Necessity for Additional Police.—Requests for additional police protection are frequently received, and it was found necessary to provide for an increase of 50 in the authorised strength of the Police Force.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE GENERALLY.

Appendix A.—Particulars concerning the number of cases brought before the Police Courts of the State are contained in Appendix A of this Report. The figures set out in that appendix cover all cases dealt with by the police (either by arrest or summons), and the appended table will enable a comparison to be made with the figures for 1924, 1925, and 1926:—

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	Increase or Decrease (1927) over 1926.
Offences against the person	3,926	4,095	4,415	4,408	dec. 7
Offences against property with violence	2,795	2,590	2,724	2,661	dec. 63
Offences against property without violence	8,042	8,683	9,498	10,527	inc. 1,029
Offences against the currency	150	266	333	197	dec. 136
Offences against good order	49,383	49,224	50,856	52,955	inc. 2,099
Offences not included in the preceding	33,805	37,519	48,849	53,282	inc. 4,433
Totals	98,101	102,377	116,675	124,030	inc. 7,355

The total increase of 7,355 cases is mainly made up of offences under the following headings:—
Offences involving bodily harm, simple larceny, false pretences, unlawfully using vehicles, drunkenness, travelling by train or tram without paying fare, trespass, breaches of the Child Welfare Act, Commonwealth Electoral Act, Motor Traffic Act and Regulations, Pastures Protection Act, Pure Foods Act, Stamp Duties Act, and Sydney Corporation Act. The increase in the number of offences under the Motor Traffic Act and Regulations alone was 5,408, due to the continual increase in motor traffic, and the efforts made by the police to reduce the number of fatalities and serious accident.

Appendix A1.—Appendix A1 includes a graph which illustrates for each year since 1905 the increase in the number of persons proceeded against, the growth of population, and the gradual increase in the strength of the Police Force.

Serious Crime.—During 1927 there was an increase of 654 in the number of cases of serious crime reported and published in the *Police Gazette*, the total being 9,208 as compared with 8,554 in 1926. The main increases were under the following headings:—Manslaughter, 11; assaults, maliciously wounding, &c., 53; uttering forged cheques, frauds, &c., 143; burglaries and stealing from premises, 250; deserted wives and children, 316.

There were decreases under various headings, the principal being:—Jewellery, &c., stolen, 124; horse stealing, 36.

Appendix B, Juvenile Crime.—The amount of crime committed by young offenders shows a further increase. Particulars respecting the number of juvenile offenders and offences committed by them of a serious nature in 1927 are given in Appendix B.

Inquests.—The total number of inquests held during 1927 was 2,016. Of this number, 1,800 were on dead bodies (the total number of bodies being 1,857), and 216 on fires.

Breaches of Section 463 of the Crimes Act, 1900.—The release of offenders on license under certain conditions is provided for by Section 463 of the Crimes Act. There were 34 breaches of this Section in 1927, as against 16 in 1926.

First Offenders Released under the Crimes Act.—The number of first offenders discharged under the Crimes Act of 1900 was 394, a decrease of 137 over the figures for 1926.

Wife and Child Desertion.—The number of cases of wife and child desertion reported was 1,680, as compared with 1,364 for the previous year.

Extraditions.—There were 3 cases of extradition from this State to beyond the Commonwealth, and all were to New Zealand.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS FOR THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

The following table indicates the number of cases dealt with in the Metropolitan District for the years mentioned:—

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	Increase or Decrease (1927) over 1926.
Offences against the person	2,295	2,489	2,717	2,719	inc. 2
Offences against property, with violence ...	2,220	2,005	2,108	2,000	dec. 108
Offences against property, without violence ...	5,459	5,885	6,704	7,149	inc. 445
Offences against the currency	61	189	211	112	dec. 99
Offences against good order	27,834	26,778	27,895	29,688	inc. 1,793
Offences not included in the preceding ...	20,383	21,725	31,742	33,331	inc. 1,589
Totals... ..	58,252	59,071	71,377	74,999	inc. 3,622

In addition to these figures there were 11,256 cases of applications for order of Court, and 5,718 cases of non-compliance with orders.

The main increases were under the following headings:—Inflicting grievous bodily harm, robbery with violence, assaults on police, larceny, false pretences, unlawfully using vehicles, vagrancy, drunkenness, riotous and offensive behaviour, using profane language, &c., carrying firearms on Sunday, travelling without paying fare, trespass, breaches of the Motor Traffic Regulations, Pure Foods Act, Police Offences Act, and Stamp Duties Act.

The principal decreases were under the following headings:—Offences against females, common assaults, breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, destroying valuable security, forgery and uttering, breaches of the Defence Act, Industrial Arbitration Act, Liquor Act, Metropolitan Traffic Regulations, and Weights and Measures Act.

FINGER-PRINTS.

During 1927, 8,931 sets of finger-prints were received as compared with 10,539 in 1926. 3,728 were identified as of persons previously convicted, a decrease of 167 on the figures for the previous year. In 9 cases of housebreaking, safe-blowing, and stealing, finger-prints were the chief evidence. In 9 other cases of housebreaking the finger-prints of the offenders were identified, but the accused admitted their guilt, and thus obviated the necessity for evidence being given at Court regarding the prints.

The number of articles examined in the Finger-print Branch during the year was 593, while 327 visits to various parts of the city, suburbs, and country were made by members of the Finger-print Staff with a view to obtaining evidence in connection with serious crimes.

The bodies of 30 unknown deceased persons were identified by means of finger-prints, and no other means of identification were available.

From the Prisons Department 800 photographs of criminals were received, and those were circulated for police information; 8,800 copies were distributed to the various Australian States and New Zealand, while 27,600 were supplied to the city and country police in this State.

From other States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand 2,524 photographs were received.

WATER POLICE, SYDNEY.

The Water Police are constantly engaged in patrolling Sydney Harbour, and the large volume of shipping and ferry traffic makes numerous calls on their services. The aggregate of the daily totals of passengers carried by the ferry boats on the Harbour during the year is reported to be over 48,000,000. A serious disaster occurred during the year when a ferry boat conveying passengers was sunk as a result of a collision. Fifty-four bodies were recovered from the waters of Port Jackson during the year, and this included persons who met their death in the collision referred to. The Water Police rendered every assistance on that occasion. Assistance was rendered during the year to the crews of 10 boats which had capsized, and 44 persons were rescued.

Forty-four bodies of persons reported missing during 1927 were recovered by the Water Police.

WATER POLICE, NEWCASTLE.

Water Police services at Newcastle were well maintained during the year, and 4 bodies were recovered from Newcastle Harbour. During floods in April, assistance was rendered to various persons, and Police boats were of much service.

WOMEN SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

There are four women special constables employed in the Metropolitan District, and their duties were carried out efficiently during the year. They were responsible for a number of neglected and uncontrollable children being dealt with by the Children's Court, and in many cases rendered assistance to persons in distress. Many inquiries were also made on behalf of parents as to the welfare of children.

METROPOLITAN LICENSING INSPECTION.

Hotels.—The total number of hotels in the Metropolitan Licensing District on the 31st December, 1927, was 531, an increase of one over the total at the end of 1926. One license was surrendered and two new licenses were issued.

There is a decided improvement from a structural point of view in the class of hotel buildings in the District, particularly in the case of new premises erected during the year. Sixty-nine applications, either for rebuilding or for material alterations to premises, were made during the year; 65 applications being granted and 4 withdrawn.

During the year police lodged objections in six cases to the renewal of publican's licenses. Three renewals were granted, but on the understanding that plans for new premises would be lodged without delay. In the remaining 3 instances the licenses were transferred.

The Liquor (Amendment) Act of 1927 provides power for the granting of permits to licensees under the Act and secretaries of licensed clubs (where meals are regularly supplied) for the supply of liquor with meals between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m., or at a later hour on special occasions.

There were 119 spirit merchants' licenses in force in the District at the end of 1927, representing a decrease of 3 at the end of the year. There was also a decrease of 6 in the number of billiard licenses in the District, the total on the 31st December, 1927, being 156. The number of Australian wine licenses remained unaltered—165. The number of Packet Licenses at the end of the year was 9, a decrease of 1.

The quality of liquor sold has been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

Appendix C.—Particulars of convictions under the Liquor Act obtained in the Metropolitan Licensing District during 1927 will be found in Appendix C.

TRAFFIC BRANCH.

The work of the Traffic Branch continues to show rapid expansion. The revenue collected for registration of public vehicles and registration and tax on motor vehicles was £1,358,029, as against £1,120,060 received during 1926. The total number of motor vehicles registered or licensed on the 31st December last was 192,094, while at the same date in 1926 the total was 156,073. The rapid increase in the volume of traffic in the city and near suburbs now constitutes a very serious problem.

Public Safety Bureau.—The Police Public Safety Bureau continues to render excellent service in the supervision of traffic in the metropolis.

Appendix D.—Further details regarding the work of the Traffic Branch, particulars of revenue collected and figures concerning street accidents, are set out in Appendix D.

DEPARTMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

At the end of 1927 the Police Department had 140 motor vehicles in use, and this number is made up as follows:—Eight motor cars, 19 divisional patrol cars, 59 motor cycles, 5 prison patrol vans, and 1 motor truck, in use in the metropolitan district; and 16 motor cars, 3 motor patrols, and 29 motor cycles in country districts. In addition, one prison patrol van for a country district was sent to the Government Motor Garage for the construction and fitting of a body.

Motorisation of Patrol Work.—In many localities Police patrol work is carried out more efficiently and economically by the use of motor vehicles, as compared with the previous method of using horses for the purpose of patrolling various districts. Wherever practicable police horses are being withdrawn and motor vehicles are being made available for patrol work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Industrial Disputes.—There were a number of industrial disputes during the year, but generally speaking good order was maintained.

Pistol License Act.—The Pistol License Act came into force on the 1st September, 1927, and the work of issuing pistol licenses and dealing with applications for same is now attended to at Police Stations throughout the State instead of at the various Police Courts. This, of course, entails additional work on the part of the Police.

Police Offences (Amendment) Drugs Act.—The Police Offences Amendment (Drugs) Act took effect in August, 1927, and gives additional power to the Police in dealing with the traffic in narcotic drugs, such as cocaine, opium, &c.

Royal Visit.—During the year their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York visited Sydney. The behaviour of the large crowds that assembled was excellent, and Police arrangements worked smoothly.

MISSING FRIENDS.

The number of inquiries received during 1927 for missing friends was 2,443, as compared with 2,472 for the previous year. The number of persons located was 1,527, the number for 1926 being 1,580. These figures include 1,213 inquiries from various parts of the British Empire, including Great Britain and States of the Commonwealth other than New South Wales, and 156 from foreign countries.

ACTS OF BRAVERY.

During 1927 a number of incidents came under notice in which courage was shown by Police in the discharge of their duties.

At Gloucester a constable saved a person from suffocation.

At Euston a constable repeatedly dived into the Murray River at a dangerous spot in an unsuccessful endeavour to save a man's life.

At Tenterfield a constable exhibited conspicuous bravery in rescuing a girl from a runaway horse attached to a sulky. The constable was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Royal Humane Society.

A constable in George-street, after being dragged some distance, succeeded in stopping a horse attached to a mail van which had collided with a motor vehicle and then bolted.

Similarly a constable at Circular Quay stopped a runaway horse attached to a lorry.

At Camperdown a constable at night time arrested two criminals single-handed who had broken into a warehouse. The constable was subsequently commended by the Judge who presided at the trial of the offenders.

A sergeant displayed meritorious conduct in endeavouring to recover the bodies of two men who had been overcome by gas fumes in an underground shaft.

Two constables attached to the Water Police displayed courage in rescuing a number of passengers after the sinking of a ferry steamer, while a constable at Neilsen Park displayed bravery in saving a girl who was in danger of drowning.

At Bathurst, Parkes, and Bogan Gate, constables effected meritorious arrests of offenders who were wanted either for murder or attempted murder,

ESTABLISHMENT.

Appendix E.—On the 31st December, 1927, the Police Force, including 31 trackers, numbered 3,136. Totals of the number of men in the various ranks in the Police Force are contained in Appendix E.

VACANCIES.

Vacancies occurred during the year under the following headings :—

Resignations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Discharges (including appointments of probationers not confirmed)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Discharges on pension or gratuity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Dismissals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103

NEW STATIONS AND STATIONS CLOSED.

New stations were established during 1927 at :—North Coast District—Richmond Gap (construction camp) (temporary); Southern District—Tallimba, Tullibigeal and Galong; North Eastern District—The Entrance (Tuggerah Lakes) (temporary); Riverina District—Merriwagga, Hume Weir (temporary); Metropolitan District—Beecroft, Concord West, Earlwood. Stations closed :—Southern District—Yalgogrin North, Gininderra; Metropolitan District—Mooney Mooney.

CHANGE OF DISTRICT.

Ivanhoe Police Station was attached to the Broken Hill District, instead of Riverina.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers to more congenial climates were granted in a number of cases, as follows :—Nine men from the Dubbo District, eight men from the Riverina District, and five men from the Broken Hill District.

POLICE BUILDINGS.

During 1927 new Police buildings were erected at several centres and additions and repairs effected in a number of Police Stations. Many places throughout the State, however, are still in need of new Police premises, and a large number of existing Police buildings require repairs, alterations and additions. Each year the amount paid for rental of premises for Police purposes increases, and goes to show the necessity for the erection of Government buildings. In view of the many centres where new Police premises are urgently required and where the rented premises are unsuitable for the proper performance of Police business, it is very desirable that as large a sum as practicable be provided on the Public Works Fund vote for Police buildings. At places where no land has been reserved for Police purposes, sites are being procured as funds become available.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

Owing to the rapid growth of the work of the Department and the consequent increase in staff the inadequacy of the accommodation provided at Police Headquarters has been long apparent. During the year the position became so serious as to make it absolutely necessary to secure additional accommodation, and suitable premises in the vicinity of Headquarters were leased at a considerable annual rental.

This arrangement has temporarily relieved the congestion at Police Headquarters, but unless additions are made to that building in the near future it will again become necessary to seek further outside accommodation. It cannot be too strongly stressed, however, that the resulting division of the staff is inconvenient and costly, and the erection of additional stories to the present building is strongly recommended.

LIST of Stations visited by the Inspector-General during 1927 :—

Penrith.	Cullen Bullen.	Stockinbingal.
Katoomba.	Portland.	Wallendbeen.
Mount Victoria.	Wallerawang.	Wombat.
Rydal.	Lithgow.	Young.
Tarana.	Junee.	Marengo.
Oberon.	Marrar.	Burrowa.
O'Connell.	Coolamon.	Rugby.
Bathurst.	Ganmain.	Bigga.
Kelso.	Matong.	Crookwell.
Wattle Flat.	Grong-Grong.	Goulburn.
Sofala.	Narrandera.	Berrima.
Hill End.	Yanco.	Bowral.
Hargraves.	Leeton.	Mittagong.
Windeyer.	Griffith.	Bargo.
Mudgee.	Yenda.	Wagga Wagga.
Gulgong.	Barellan.	Taree.
Rylstone.	Ardlethan.	Forster.
Kandos.	Ariah Park.	
Capertee.	Temora.	

INSTRUCTION TO POLICE IN FIRST-AID AND LIFE-SAVING METHODS.

Before their appointments are confirmed, all Police recruits receive a full course of ambulance instruction. They are also taught the methods of life-saving, &c.

On the 31st December, 1927, 2,249 members of the Force held ambulance certificates, and 421 possessed life-saving certificates, a number also holding the Royal Life-saving Society's Medallion.

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE BAND.

There were, during the year, a considerable number of applications for the services of the Police Band in connection with functions of a charitable or patriotic nature. Where the police duties did not prevent the request from being granted, and the nature of the function justified it, the band was permitted to attend; and among the ceremonies in which the band took part were the opening of Federal Parliament House at Canberra, and the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to the Prince of Wales' Hospital.

CONDUCT OF POLICE.

Generally speaking the conduct of the Police Force has been very satisfactory, and the various duties devolving upon the police have been carried out efficiently.

APPENDICES.

Some of the Appendices have already been mentioned in this report, and, in addition to these, statements are appended which furnish particulars as to the nationalities of members of the Police Force, and the age and length of service of the men in each rank.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES MITCHELL,

Inspector-General of Police.

APPENDIX A

RETURN of cases dealt with by Courts in New South Wales for the year ended 31st December, 1927

Offences	Arrests.		Summons Cases.		How dealt with.										Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Committed for trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.						
	M.	F.	Fined.			Imprisoned.		Otherwise dealt with.										
			M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
Offences against the Person—																		
Murder	22	4	..	..	19	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	26	17	9	..
Attempt to murder	19	1	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	20	12	8	..
Setting fire to dwelling knowing person to be therein.	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Manslaughter	34	2	..	..	20	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	11	1	36	40	..	4
Inflicting grievous bodily harm	93	6	5	2	55	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	42	5	106	80	26	..
Attempt to inflict grievous bodily harm ..	25	2	..	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	27	13	14	..
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm....	86	4	17	..	53	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	43	4	107	76	31	..
Robbery with violence	143	3	2	1	95	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	48	2	149	124	25	..
Demanding property with menace or threat	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	8	13	..	5
Assault with intent to rob	41	..	1	..	20	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	16	..	42	23	19	..
Robbery, being armed	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	3
Assault an officer in the execution of his duty.	340	19	20	3	2	..	257	21	68	1	4	..	29	..	382	359	23	..
Assault special constable in the execution of his office.	14	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	14	12	2	..
Assault with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Assault in company	36	..	31	7	..	..	26	2	1	..	4	..	36	5	74	74	..	..
Assault a female	363	14	331	95	7	..	147	25	21	..	131	11	388	73	803	820	..	17
Assault, common	729	36	1,202	125	4	1	790	38	36	3	148	12	953	107	2,092	2,209	..	117
Obstructing workmen by violence, or threat of violence.	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	2	..
Not providing wife, child, or other dependent with necessities—endangering life.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	1
Deserting wife or child—indictable	12	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	12	..	5	..	19	14	5	..
Abandoning or exposing child under 2 years of age.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6	..	6	..
Endangering railway passengers	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
Causing bodily harm by furious or negligent driving or riding.	16	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	16	12	4	..
Rape	15	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	15	20	..	5
Attempt to commit rape	14	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	14	29	..	15
Carnally knowing girl under 10 years, or attempt.	10	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	12	10	2	..
Carnally knowing girl over 10 years and under 16 years, or attempt.	87	..	4	..	64	..	..	..	1	..	10	..	16	..	91	104	..	13
Carnally knowing pupil or daughter, or attempt.	7	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	9	..	2
Indecent assault on girl under 16 years of age.	44	..	1	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	11	..	45	46	..	1
Indecent assault on a female	17	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	2	..	18	29	..	11
Indecent assault on a male person	40	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	7	..	40	45	..	5
Sodomy, or attempt	19	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	19	16	3	..
Bestiality, or attempt	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	..
Abduction	25	3	4	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	22	1	32	22	10	..
Bigamy	14	2	2	..	14	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	18	24	..	6
Attempting to procure abortion	2	6	..	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9	..	..
Supplying or procuring drug or instrument to procure miscarriage.	5	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	2	..
Concealment of birth .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Attempted suicide	84	21	1	..	..	..	3	2	53	11	..	1	19	7	106	103	3	..
Any other offences against the person....	18	..	6	..	4	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	9	..	24	23	..	4
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	1	5	..
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	..	2
Total	2,405	130	1,638	235	532	23	1,243	88	188	15	306	24	1,714	215	4,408	4,415	205	212
Offences against Property with Violence—																		
Sacrilege	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	5	10	..	5
Burglary	21	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	21	36	..	15
Breaking and entering, or attempt	1,464	23	17	2	566	8	..	..	14	..	305	9	596	8	1,506	1,556	..	50
Malicious acts with intent to obstruct or injure railway engine or carriage.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Malicious damage to telegraph post, wire, or insulator, or attempt.	..	..	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	9	3	..
Malicious injuries to vessel, or attempt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Injuring property in Museums and certain other public places.	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	2	..
Maliciously injuring property	813	48	204	22	9	6	460	41	16	..	250	3	232	20	1,037	1,063	24	..
Killing cattle with intent to steal carcase, skin, or other part.	7	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	8	7	1	..
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding cattle.	7	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	8	6	2	..
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding other animals or birds.	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	6	..	4
Any other offence against property with violence.	3	..	5	..	1	..	4	3	..	8	23	..	20
Total	2,322	71	243	25	587	14	484	42	32	..	558	12	904	28	2,661	2,724	32	95

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					Committed for Trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.								
						Fined.		Imprisoned.		Otherwise dealt with.										
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
Offences against Property without Violence—																				
Simple larceny or attempt.....	4,903	1,083	469	65	104	12	1,654	514	777	179	1,640	264	1,197	179	6,520	5,966	554	..		
Stealing from the person, or attempt	201	31	2	..	15	1	33	4	64	4	12	2	79	20	234	225	9	..		
Stealing in a dwelling	236	25	..	..	42	1	21	3	81	4	28	9	64	9	262	218	44	..
Larceny as a bailee.....	127	7	23	5	7	..	26	1	20	..	22	7	75	4	162	112	50	..		
Embezzlement	186	1	37	2	45	1	33	..	23	..	52	2	70	..	226	205	21	..		
Larceny as a servant	21	18	..	..	9	17	3	..	3	..	3	1	3	..	39	31	8	..
Obtaining goods or money by false pretence	980	38	85	14	144	2	123	23	234	5	117	9	447	13	1,117	929	188	..		
Receiving stolen property	76	9	27	3	8	2	28	4	20	..	1	2	46	4	115	153	..	38		
Fraudulent appropriation	159	6	59	1	46	..	28	2	19	..	12	..	113	5	225	188	37	..		
Larceny by finding.....	5	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	5	1	..
Larceny by trick.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Stealing or destroying a valuable security	16	1	..	1	6	1	3	..	4	..	1	1	2	..	18	52	..	34		
Cattle stealing	27	..	12	..	12	..	7	..	2	..	4	..	14	..	39	30	9	..		
Horse stealing	36	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	10	..	9	..	7	..	36	41	..	5
Sheep stealing	13	..	7	..	5	..	7	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	20	18	2	..		
Dog stealing	20	..	3	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	1	..	9	..	23	19	4	..
Stealing animals or birds ordinarily kept in confinement.	34	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	20	..	35	8	27	..
Larceny of things attached to land	20	..	18	2	..	..	5	..	13	..	6	..	14	2	40	7	33	..
Illegally using cattle or horses	27	..	12	..	..	..	19	..	4	..	8	..	8	..	39	76	..	37
Fraudulently branding or altering brands on cattle.	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
Possession of skin or carcase of stolen cattle.	5	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	10	11	..	1
Supposed stolen goods in custody.....	741	63	44	6	2	..	262	18	68	8	35	6	418	37	854	832	22	..		
Unlawful possession of trees, fence, or like material.	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	2	..
Stealing from vessel in port	45	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	9	..	1	..	6	..	45	25	20	..
Embezzling ship's cargo or stores.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	8	2	6	..
Stealing from wharf	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	7	..	2
Stealing letters or articles sent by post ..	14	..	2	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	16	28	..	12
Found at night with intent to commit felony.	46	..	3	..	11	..	1	..	6	..	10	..	21	..	49	38	11	..		
Enter dwelling-house with intent to steal at night.	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	11	..	7
Careless use of fire	5	..	21	1	..	..	19	..	1	..	1	..	5	1	27	31	..	4
Setting fire to crops	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	1
Do grass	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	..	2
Do house	13	1	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	14	6	8	..
Do dwelling, person being therein.	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	1
Do certain other buildings, or attempts.	7	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	9	3	6	..
Any other offence against property without violence.	14	..	11	..	2	..	6	..	5	..	3	..	9	..	25	85	..	60		
Unlawfully using another's vehicle or boat	261	..	20	..	6	..	97	..	38	..	59	..	81	..	281	118	163	..		
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	2
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	4	..	5	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	10	4	6	..
Total	8,264	1,28	877	102	493	38	2,444	569	1,416	200	2,053	304	2,735	275	10,527	9,498	1,235	206		
Forgery and Offences against the Currency—																				
Forging and uttering.....	39	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	20	..	6	..	5	..	39	90	..	51
Forgery	120	4	2	..	55	..	3	..	12	1	40	2	12	1	126	170	..	44		
Uttering.....	28	2	..	..	14	..	2	..	6	..	1	1	5	1	30	67	..	37
Purchasing or having forged bank notes in possession.	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Making counterfeit coin .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Possessing or uttering counterfeit coin....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Any other offences against the currency..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Total	189	6	2	..	78	..	5	..	38	1	47	3	23	2	197	333	1	137		
Offences against Good Order—																				
Idle and disorderly person	1,008	232	22	4	..	..	4	..	428	86	66	13	532	137	1,266	1,303	..	37
Rogue and vagabond.....	305	11	16	..	..	..	7	..	181	7	29	1	104	3	332	279	53	..
Incorrigible rogue .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Drunkenness	29,588	2,179	313	7	..	..	17,668	1,011	469	6	11,449	1,139	315	30	32,087	30,831	1,256	..
Drunkenness, with disorderly conduct....	780	20	124	..	..	..	859	18	17	..	12	1	16	1	924	1,091	..	167
Riotous, indecent, offensive, threatening, or insulting behaviour.	4,480	1,811	1,506	2	..	..	5,365	1,785	35	..	232	11	354	43	7,825	7,751	74	..
Using threatening, abusive, or insulting words.	424	35	865	334	..	..	595	108	5	..	143	35	546	226	1,658	1,600	58	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language.	4,182	346	1,140	37	..	..	5,121	362	36	1	33	3	132	17	5,705	5,725	..	20
Singing obscene songs .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	1
Writing or drawing indecent or obscene word, figure, or representation.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Throw or discharge stone or missile.....	30	..	38	4	..	..	29	2	..	..	24	2	15	..	72	53	19	..
Negligent or furious riding or driving....	17	..	42	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	59	78	..	19
Cruelty to animals	36	..	111	..	..	..	121	..	4	..	..	..	22	..	147	163	..	16
Playing a game to the annoyance of passengers or residents.	279	..	198	..	..	..	421	..	..	..	32	..	24	..	477	342	135	..
Keeping a common, ill-governed, and disorderly house and brothel.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
Lewdness	12	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	12	12	..	..
Inciting person to resist constable	90	6	6	1	..	..	90	7	..	..	..	..	6	..	103	146	..	43
Inciting to, urging, or encouraging the commission of crimes.	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	5	2	3	..
Disorderly behaviour at public political meeting (Commonwealth).	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Carrying firearms on Sunday	7	..	127	..	..	..	113	..	..	..	8	..	13	..	134	51	83	..
Shooting for pleasure or profit on Sunday	..	..	23	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	1	13	..
Owner, occupier, or agent of house permitting prostitution therein.	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	11

Offences	Arrests.		Summon Cases.		How dealt with.										Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease
					Committed for trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.						
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.			
Offences against Good Order—continued.																		
Assuming designation of member of police force.	14	..	4	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	18	13	5	..
Perjury	11	1	..	..	8	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	12	..	..
False swearing not being perjury	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	1	..
Making a false declaration	1	1	24	8	1	4	12	3	..	..	1	..	11	2	34	4	30	..
Tampering with a witness	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	..
Conspiracy	69	9	4	..	46	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	24	2	82	79	3	..
Travel by steamer without paying fare, or attempt.	7	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	24	..	16
Travel by train or tram without paying fare, or attempt.	227	3	760	295	..	..	909	272	15	..	18	5	45	21	1,285	795	490	..
Naval deserter	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	5	3	2	..
Military Deserter	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
Absent without leave from ship	10	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	10	19	..	9
Wilful disobedience on board ship	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	7	..	..
Riotous, or disorderly on board ship	11	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	11	2	9	..
Sly-grog selling	120	89	14	2	..	..	119	37	..	..	1	..	14	4	175	137	38	..
Maliciously publishing defamatory libel	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Trespass on enclosed lands	60	..	237	7	..	..	141	5	..	..	52	..	104	2	304	123	181	..
Wilfully causing animals to trespass	..	..	10	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	4	6	..
Contempt of Court	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2
Escaping from custody	20	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	10	..	..	..	2	..	20	8	12	..
Absconding from bail	19	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	7	1	1	..	20	12	8	..
Any other offences against good order	86	..	8	..	..	..	77	..	3	..	1	..	13	..	94	147	..	53
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily	6	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	9	3	6	..
Total	41,925	4,698	5,605	727	82	12	31,793	3,613	1,217	100	12,122	1,211	2,316	489	52,955	50,856	2,495	396
Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings—																		
Aborigines Protection	65	3	51	6	..	..	93	6	6	..	..	..	17	3	125	147	..	22
Apiaries	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Apprentices	1	..	13	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	14	12	2	..
Auctioneers Licensing	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	..	5
Billiards and Bagatelle	..	..	8	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	8	..	..
Bankruptcy	1	2	49	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	44	3	5	..	53	26	27	..
Birds and Animals Protection	83	..	132	..	..	..	133	..	..	..	6	..	31	..	220	105	115	..
Bread Act	..	..	105	1	..	..	79	1	..	..	2	..	24	..	106	89	17	..
Careless Use of Fire	1	..	49	1	..	..	36	1	1	..	..	..	13	..	51	20	31	..
Cattle Driving	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	4	3	..
Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat.	1	..	57	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	58	72	..	14
Child Welfare	162	46	257	34	..	..	11	2	27	..	206	61	115	17	499	138	361	..
Coal Mines Regulation	..	..	51	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	4	..	23	..	51	49	2	..
Commons Regulation	..	..	13	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	13	2	11	..
Commonwealth Crimes	4	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	7	14	..	7
Commonwealth Electoral	..	..	780	257	..	..	600	163	..	..	17	..	163	89	1,037	325	712	..
Crown Lands	..	..	49	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	4	..	7	..	49	23	26	..
Companies	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	39	..	38
Crimes	41	2	19	2	14	1	5	1	16	..	10	2	15	..	64	48	16	..
Crimes prevention	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	4	..
Customs	10	..	24	3	5	..	14	2	..	..	9	..	6	1	37	74	..	37
Dairy Industry	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	9	..	8
Dairies Supervision	..	..	85	5	..	..	83	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	90	98	..	8
Defence (Commonwealth)	23	..	915	..	..	..	87	..	259	..	451	..	111	..	938	1,408	..	530
Dentists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Deserted Wives and Children	121	..	182	..	..	..	1	..	14	..	150	..	138	..	303	281	22	..
Distillation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dog and Goat	..	..	1,057	338	..	..	987	322	..	..	4	1	66	15	1,395	1,448	..	53
Early Closing	..	..	524	95	..	..	515	94	..	..	2	..	7	1	619	670	..	51
Excise (Commonwealth)	2	..	7	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	9	..	9	..
Explosives	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
Factories and Shops	..	..	85	8	..	..	80	7	..	..	..	..	5	1	93	140	..	47
Fair Rents	..	..	129	47	..	..	18	8	..	..	6	3	105	36	176	136	40	..
Fire Brigades	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Fisheries	12	..	183	2	..	..	181	2	..	..	..	..	14	..	197	334	..	137
Forestry	1	..	78	..	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	79	84	..	5
Gaming and Betting	1,743	12	26	4	..	..	1,653	8	..	..	8	..	103	8	1,755	1,763	22	..
Gas	..	..	13	2	..	..	11	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	15	45	..	30
Government Railways, and By-laws	189	1	898	51	..	..	965	40	6	..	29	4	37	8	1,059	1,000	89	..
Gun License	154	5	83	5	..	..	208	10	3	..	12	..	14	..	247	390	..	143
Hawkers and Pedlars	62	..	36	4	..	..	113	1	..	..	..	..	5	3	122	116	6	..
Immigration Restriction	112	..	7	..	..	..	18	..	69	..	11	..	21	..	119	96	23	..
Impounding	2	..	33	2	..	..	23	1	..	..	2	1	10	1	37	34	3	..
Inebriates	19	11	8	3	..	..	..	..	18	12	9	1	..	..	41	66	..	25
Industrial Arbitration	2	..	2,313	96	..	..	1,730	68	..	..	143	1	442	27	2,411	3,682	..	1,271
Inflammable Liquid	..	..	24	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	24	17	7	..
Irrigation	..	..	266	..	..	..	216	2	..	..	..	..	50	1	269	243	26	..
Juvenile Smoking Suppression	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Land and Income Tax	..	..	926	18	..	..	665	13	..	..	4	..	257	5	944	1,033	..	89
Landlord and Tenant	..	..	103	12	..	..	23	2	..	..	29	4	51	6	115	90	25	..
Liquor	631	53	3,900	181	..	..	3,505	103	20	1	129	24	877	61	4,720	4,571	149	..
Local Government and Ordinances	5	..	2,087	128	..	..	1,773	106	..	..	34	..	285	22	2,220	2,611	..	391
Lotteries and Art Unions	9	..	19	1	..	..	14	1	..	..						

Offences.	Arrests.		Summons Cases.		How dealt with.												Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Committed for trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.								
						Fined.		Imprisoned.		Otherwise dealt with.										
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings—continued.																				
Native Dogs Destruction and Poisoned Baits.	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Navigation	2	..	6	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	8	27	19
Newspapers .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Noxious Trades .....	..	..	14	2	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	16	5	11
Nuisances Prevention .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Oaths	1	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	5	..	5
Obscene and Indecent Publications	8	..	5	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	13	4	9
Old-age Pensions .....	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	3	1
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections .....	..	..	12	6	..	..	8	5	..	..	1	..	3	1	18	25	7
Pastures Protection	6	..	1,716	26	..	..	1,538	20	..	..	12	..	177	6	1,748	1,332	416
Pawnbrokers .....	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	7	4
Poisons	30	1	25	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	1	..	7	1	56	66	10
Police Offences	340	4	141	7	..	..	437	7	4	..	10	..	30	4	492	329	163	
Police Offences (Drugs)	84	2	1	..	..	..	81	2	..	..	3	..	1	..	87	87	..
Police Regulation	6	..	2	1	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	6	3
Post and Telegraph (Commonwealth)	9	..	101	15	5	..	89	13	2	..	3	..	11	2	125	65	60			
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	10	..	60	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	70	47	23
Printing	2	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	3	4
Private Hospitals .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	
Public Health .....	..	..	165	7	..	..	140	3	..	..	6	2	19	2	172	153	19
Public Instruction	2	..	502	50	..	..	394	29	..	..	33	3	77	18	554	457	97
Public Roads .....	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Pure Food .....	..	..	989	55	..	..	907	54	..	..	7	..	75	1	1,044	815	229
Quarantine .....	..	..	4	1	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..
Registration of Firms .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	3
Second-hand Dealers and Collectors	3	..	16	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	19	33	14
Shearers Accommodation .....	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	2
Stamp Duties .....	..	..	479	25	..	..	339	14	..	..	3	1	137	10	504	169	335
Stock	2	..	73	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	75	100	25
Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) .....	..	..	46	12	..	..	45	12	..	..	..	..	1	..	58	56	2
Sydney Corporation	5	..	494	17	..	..	495	17	..	..	..	..	4	..	516	332	184
Sydney Harbour Trust	2	..	12	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	14	6	8
Sydney Water Supply .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Theatres and Public Halls	4	..	120	..	..	..	115	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	124	104	20
Tobacco .....	..	..	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	5	1
Totalizator .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Vagrancy	345	22	52	9	..	..	15	..	233	8	30	1	119	22	428	335	93	
Venercal Diseases	4	..	17	1	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	9	1	22	..	22
Veterinary Surgeons	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Weights and Measures .....	..	..	299	22	..	..	293	22	..	..	..	..	6	..	321	747	426
Wine Adulteration .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Any other Acts	35	1	541	42	..	..	444	38	..	..	32	3	100	2	619	569	50
Aid and abet commission of any offence under the above Acts punishable summarily, where the same is not provided for under other headings.	10	..	13	1	..	..	18	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	24	22	2
Total.....	5,716	232	45,428	1,906	34	2	43,215	1,543	784	21	1,782	124	5,329	448	53,282	48,849	9,169	4,73		
RECAPITULATION.																				
Offences against the person.....	2,405	130	1,638	235	532	23	1,243	88	188	15	366	24	1,714	215	4,408	4,415	..	7		
Offences against property with violence....	2,322	71	243	25	587	14	484	42	32	..	558	12	904	28	2,661	2,724	..	63		
Offences against property without violence....	8,264	1,284	877	102	493	38	2,444	569	1,416	200	2,053	304	2,735	275	10,527	9,498	1,029	..		
Forgery and Offences against the currency....	189	6	2	..	78	..	5	..	38	1	47	3	23	2	197	333	..	13		
Offences against good order.....	41,925	4,698	5,605	727	82	12	31,793	3,613	1,217	100	12,122	1,211	2,316	489	52,955	50,856	2,099	..		
Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not otherwise provided for.	5,716	232	45,428	1,906	34	2	43,215	1,543	784	21	1,782	124	5,329	448	53,282	48,849	4,433	..		
Total.....	60,821	6,421	53,793	2,995	1,806	89	79,184	5,855	3,675	337	16,928	1,678	13,021	1,457	124,030	116,675	7,561	206		

APPLICATIONS for Orders, 1927.

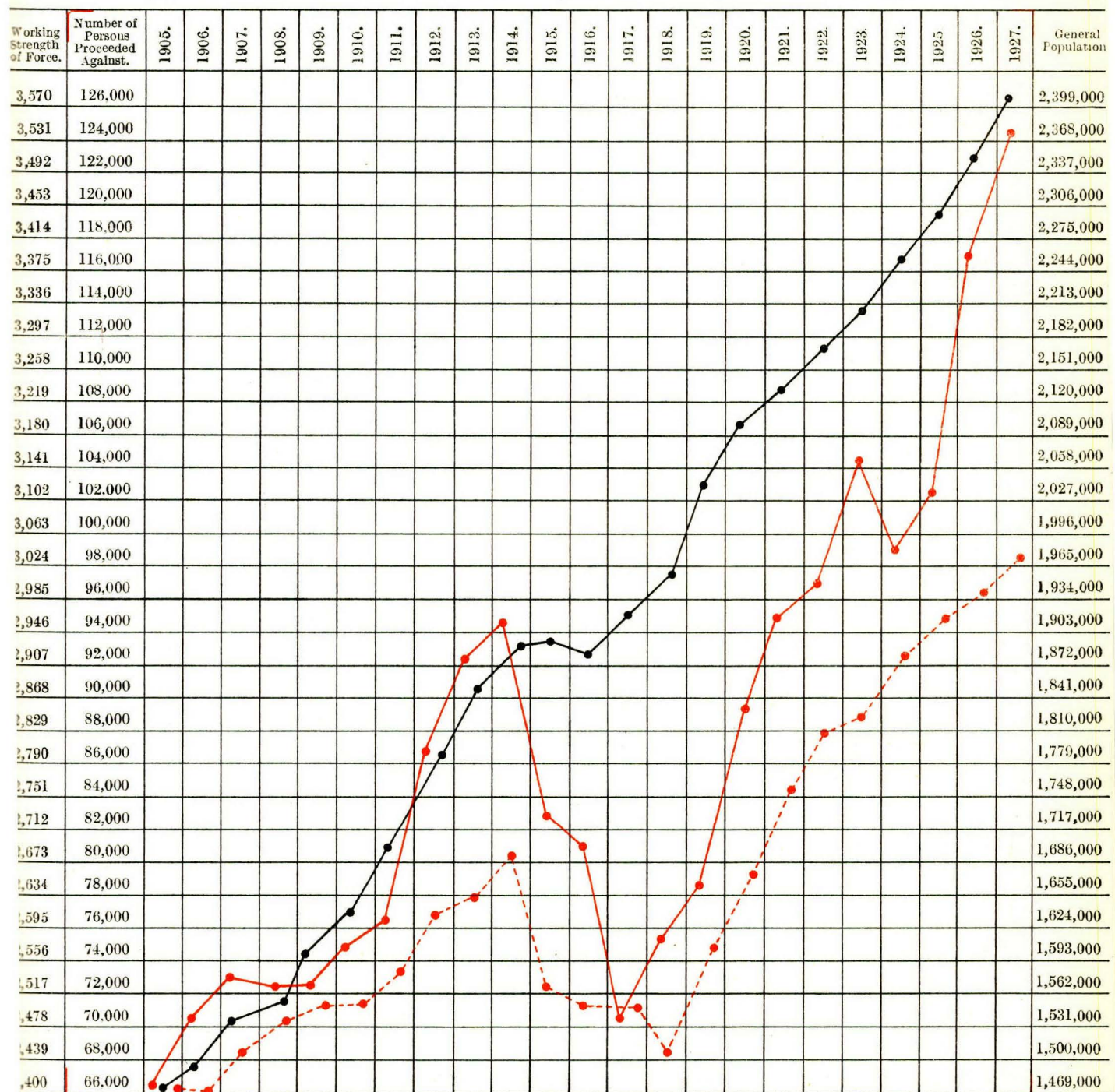
Classification.	Orders made.		No orders made (after evidence).		Cases withdrawn, &c.		Total cases.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
For maintenance—									
Wife	1,218	...	168	...	1,362	...	2,748	..	2,748
Child	448	1	41	...	434	...	923	1	924
Under Lunacy Act	13	2	2	1	3	...	18	3	21
Varying order for maintenance	455	63	41	15	39	5	535	83	618
Preliminary expenses (Child Welfare)	412	...	45	...	171	...	628	...	628
Uncontrollable child	489	228	172	4	25	8	686	240	926
Neglected child	88	50	7	5	8	3	103	58	161
Breach conditions of release	118	42	40	10	3	1	161	53	214
Detention of property	161	64	73	46	110	48	344	158	502
Fraudulent removal (Landlord and Tenant)	5	...	2	1	2	1	10	1	11
Prohibition (Liquor Act)	644	15	84	6	121	3	849	24	873
Sureties (threats, &c., and apprehended injuries to property).	73	3	26	3	36	2	135	8	143
Lunacy Act (orders for detention in institutions)..	719	412	561	237	52	7	1,332	656	1,988
Under—									
Apprentices Act	1	..	...	...	1	...	2	...	2
Forestry Act	7	...	1	...	2	...	10	...	10
Landlord and Tenant (other than fraudulent removal).	809	210	111	23	203	46	1,123	279	1,402
Local Government and Municipalities Act ...	4	2	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Masters and Servants Act	56	7	13	3	56	2	125	12	137
Public Health Act	8	3	...	...	...	...	8	3	11
Fair Rents Act	750	293	95	36	263	94	1,107	424	1,531
Child Welfare Act	93	80	13	2	7	1	113	83	196
Trade Union levies (Industrial Arbitration)...	74	...	58	4	86	...	218	4	222
Other Acts	1,067	16	2	...	116	2	1,185	18	1,203
Total	7,712	1,491	1,555	396	3,100	223	12,367	2,110	14,477

NON-COMPLIANCE with Orders, 1927.

Classification.	Cases withdrawn or discharged.		Cases in which orders were subsequently obeyed.		Cases in which defendants were imprisoned.		Total persons brought before the Court.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
For maintenance—									
Wife	1,343	...	1,281	...	885	...	3,509	...	3,509
Child	1,220	...	1,622	...	1,056	...	3,898	...	3,898
Under Lunacy Act	2	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	5
Preliminary expenses	2	...	31	...	6	...	39	...	39
Detention of property	7	...	4	...	...	...	11	...	11
Under—									
Landlord and Tenant Act	7	...	10	...	...	...	17	...	17
Masters and Servants Acts	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Public Health Act .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Fair Rents Act .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	2
Child Welfare Act	12	...	35	...	2	...	49	...	49
Other Acts .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Costs of Court	25	...	20	...	27	...	72	...	72
Total	2,619	...	3,008	2	1,976	...	7,603	2	7,605

APPENDIX A1.

CHART showing number of persons proceeded against for crimes and offences in each of the years 1905 to 1927, inclusive, the total population of the State at 31st December in each year, and the strength of the Force during the same period.



The black line indicates the population at the end of each year.

The continuous red line indicates the number of persons proceeded against.
The broken red line indicates the strength of the Force

Year.	*Strength of Force.		Persons proceeded against.		General Population
	Number.	Per 1,000 of Population.	Number.	Per 1 000 of mean Population.	
1905	2,413	1.64	66,096	45	1,469,153
1906	2,409	1.61	70,777	48	1,498,609
1907	2,446	1.60	73,408	48	1,531,980
1908	2,483	1.59	72,204	47	1,560,026
1909	2,502	1.57	72,223	46	1,596,685
1910	2,510	1.53	74,830	46	1,638,220
1911	2,551	1.50	76,318	46	1,701,651
1912	2,610	1.46	86,957	50	1,786,770
1913	2,635	1.43	90,264	50	1,846,151
1914	2,677	1.42	92,467	49	1,882,471
1915	2,526†	1.33	82,454	44	1,895,671
1916	2,514†	1.33	80,915	43	1,886,990
1917	2,503†	1.30	70,697	37	1,921,612
1918	2,452†	1.25	75,929	39	1,963,492
1919	2,585†	1.27	78,376	39	2,039,904
1920	2,663	1.27	89,871	43	2,093,217
1921	2,768	1.30	94,870	45	2,129,693
1922	2,829	1.31	96,989	44	2,174,688
1923	2,852	1.29	104,519	47	2,211,106
1924	2,923	1.23	98,101	43	2,256,649
1925	2,968	1.29	102,377	44	2,300,081
1926	2,997	1.26	116,675	49	2,349,401
1927	3,136	1.30	124,030	51	2,401,884

* Including trackers.

† Exclusive of men on military service.

APPENDIX B.

SUMMARY of Return of Crime committed by Juveniles (persons under the age of 21 years) in Metropolitan District for Year ended 31st December, 1927.

Offences.	Males.	Females.	Total Cases.	Released on Probation.	Fined.	Sent to Prison.	Committed to a Home.	Committed for Trial.	Awaiting Trial.	Discharged.	Bound Over.	Admonished.	Fined Surety.	Withdrawn.	Bail Estreated.	Pay Compensation.	Remanded.	No evidence offered.	Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
1. Arson	4	...	4	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...
2. Assault	92	2	94	10	35	1	3	1	...	34	1	...	1	...	5	...	2	...	94	101	...	7
3. Assault a police officer	21	1	22	...	16	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	22	21	1	...
4. Assault and robbery	46	...	46	4	1	...	4	21	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	46	27	19	...
5. Assault and robbery in company.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
6. Assault with intent to rape...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	9	...	7
7. Assault, indecent	25	...	25	8	1	...	6	6	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	25	22	3	...
8. Assault, indecent, on a male person.	6	...	6	2	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	4	...
9. Assault in company	8	...	8	...	...	2	...	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	4	...
10. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm.	4	...	4	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	...	3
11. Buggery .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
12. Burglary	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...
13. Behaviour, offensive, &c.	629	73	702	70	506	...	1	...	...	34	5	73	...	10	2	...	1	...	702	665	37	...
14. Child, abandoned .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Child, neglected and uncontrollable.	276	173	449	172	...	...	203	...	...	21	...	7	...	15	1	...	1	29	449	496	...	47
16. Child desertion	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	2
17. Cruelty to animals	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	6
18. Dwelling, found in	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
19. Disobey Maintenance Order.	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	...	8
20. Embezzlement	20	...	20	2	5	...	4	...	...	1	3	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	20	17	3	...
21. False pretences	61	6	67	11	10	12	6	3	...	13	3	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	67	19	48	...
22. Forgery	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	5
23. Found in enclosed yard	21	...	21	14	1	1	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	28	...	7
24. Forgery and uttering	3	...	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...
25. Grievous bodily harm, inflict	8	...	8	1	...	...	3	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	5	...
26. Girl under 16 years, carnally know.	28	...	28	9	...	...	2	8	1	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	28	33	...	5
27. Horse stealing	3	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	12	...	9
28. Horse, illegally using	15	...	15	5	1	...	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	24	...	9
29. Keep gaming house .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30. Larceny as Bailee	5	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	...
31. Murder and attempts	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	...
32. Manslaughter	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
33. Motor-car, illegally use	109	...	109	36	18	2	9	1	...	4	...	1	1	3	...	9	1	24	109	65	44	...
34. Misappropriation, fraudulent.	4	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...
35. Missile-throwing	16	5	21	8	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	21	21	...	...
36. Money demanded by menace .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
37. Obscenely expose person	11	...	11	1	...	3	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	11	16	...	5
38. Property, possession, stolen	99	2	101	42	14	6	4	...	...	17	1	1	...	7	...	...	9	...	101	92	9	...
39. Property, received, stolen	33	1	34	15	5	1	...	1	...	1	6	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	34	19	15	...
40. Property, malicious damage	386	1	387	142	53	...	28	...	...	67	1	39	...	10	...	43	...	4	387	344	43	...
41. Possession, housebreaking implements.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	3
42. Post, send threat letter .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43. Rape and attempts	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	4	...	2
44. Resist arrest	8	1	9	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	11	...	2
45. Robbery under arms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46. Representation, false .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5
47. Release, break conditions	16	12	28	3	...	3	10	...	1	2	...	2	...	5	...	...	2	...	28	19	9	...
48. Recognition, breach of	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...
49. Stealing	2,151	358	2,509	1,208	218	104	377	11	4	207	30	65	22	111	2	21	5	124	2,509	2,245	264	...
50. Stealing, attempt	3	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	5
51. Stealing in dwelling	56	11	67	24	3	8	6	11	...	6	2	...	...	2	1	...	2	2	67	40	27	...
52. Stealing in company	123	...	123	57	3	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	7	12	...	...	...	...	123	2	121	...
53. Stealing from person	5	2	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	12	...	5
54. Stealing from wharf .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55. Stealing from ship .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
56. Steal, break and enter	793	26	819	215	...	2	228	114	6	71	1	6	4	75	...	13	9	75	819	776	43	...
57. Steal, found at night with intent.	4	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	...	2
58. Steal, valuable security	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
59. Shoot with intent .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
60. Suspected person	14	...	14	5	...	4	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	14	10	4	...
61. Sly grog selling	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	2
62. Two-up, playing	9	...	9	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	34	...	25
63. Wounding maliciously	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	1	...
64. Police Offences (Drugs) Act .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65. Any other offences, not included in the foregoing.	1,163	86	1,249	76	711	29	22	15	...	96	...	23	3	47	209	12	...	6	1,249	1,031	218	...
Total	6,312	760	7,072	2,150	1,627	186	952	211	16	623	59	223	53	317	221	101	26	308	7,072	6,308	941	177

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT of General Convictions against Licensees under the Liquor Act in the Metropolitan District for the Year 1927.

Permit persons on licensed premises during prohibited hours	40
Permit persons on licensed premises on Sunday	18
Permit persons on licensed premises on Christmas Day	2
Permit persons on licensed premises on State election day	2
Permit liquor to be consumed on licensed premises on Sunday	1
Permit drunkenness on licensed premises	2
Not close and keep closed to the public every bar of licensed premises during prohibited hours	18
Not close and keep closed to the public every bar of licensed premises on Sunday	3
Keep licensed premises open for sale of liquor during prohibited hours	2
Keep licensed premises open for sale of liquor on Sunday	1
Supply liquor on a Sunday	2
Supply liquor during prohibited hours	6
Not keep premises free from offensive matter.....	1
Deliver liquor during prohibited hours	13
Deliver liquor on Sunday	11
Deliver liquor on Christmas Day	1
Keep licensed premises open for the sale of liquor on Anzac Day	2
Sell liquor during prohibited hours	1
Carry away liquor from his licensed premises during prohibited hours	1
Fail to enter name of every lodger in Hotel Register	2
Sly grog selling	1
Suffer unlawful game to be played on licensed premises.....	1
Breach of Section 3, Sub-section 1, of the Lotteries and Art Unions Act	1
Give a bribe to a Sergeant of Police to induce him to neglect his duty	1
Total	133

Fines and Costs aggregating £516 10s. were imposed.

PARTICULARS of Convictions against Holders of Australian Wine Licenses in the Metropolitan Licensing District for the Year 1927.

Permit drunkenness on licensed premises.....	9
Permit persons on licensed premises during prohibited hours	7
Permit person on licensed premises on Sunday	3
Fail to securely lock away all wine during prohibited hours	1
Keep licensed premises open for sale of liquor during prohibited hours	1
Supply liquor to a person in the state of intoxication	1
Permit liquor to be consumed on licensed premises on Anzac Day	1
Deliver liquor on Sunday	1
Carry away liquor from licensed premises during prohibited hours	1
Not close every bar of licensed premises during prohibited hours	1
Total	26

Fines and costs aggregating £100 were imposed.

RETURN showing the number of Licenses in existence in the Metropolitan Licensing District on the 31st December of each year, 1892 to 1927.

Description of License.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	
Publicans'	833	808	797	793	789	789	790	792	792	790	786	783	755	745	719	711	694	666	665	648	642	629	640	639	638	628	612	608	601	581	578	543	529	528	530	531	
Spirit Merchants'	117	115	106	116	100	104	106	112	106	111	107	109	104	95	101	99	98	97	96	95	97	92	96	96	92	94	88	86	87	112	130	133	131	125	127	122	119
Australian Wine	245	242	231	279	266	292	308	345	349	343	348	364	343	325	315	298	289	283	269	247	248	245	245	239	229	223	216	215	215	213	212	211	174	165	165	165	
Brewers'	11	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Packet	26	20	19	19	18	21	16	21	20	19	28	27	23	23	24	27	29	24	25	24	22	21	19	20	20	19	19	13	15	13	13	12	12	10	10	9	
Billiards	179	163	161	170	142	122	89	105	109	102	113	112	110	109	109	109	114	119	114	130	131	140	152	149	141	137	119	120	125	135	159	162	155	157	162	156	

APPENDIX D.
MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT.
Revenue.

Nature of Certificate or License.	1927.			1926.		
	Number Issued.	Each, per Annum.	Amount.	Number Issued.	Each, per Annum.	Amount.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Motor Cars	129,985	1 0 0	129,985 0 0	104,675	1 0 0	104,675 0 0
Motor Lorries.....	30,517	1 0 0	30,517 0 0	22,986	1 0 0	22,986 0 0
Motor Drivers	224,575	0 10 0	112,287 10 0	183,680	0 10 0	91,840 0 0
Motor Cycle Riders	34,267	0 5 0	8,567 0 0	32,228	0 5 0	8,057 0 0
	(1 at 10/-)					
Motor Cycles	28,054	0 2 6	3,506 15 0	25,424	0 2 6	3,178 0 0
Learners' Permits	59,429	0 5 0	14,857 5 0	56,424	0 5 0	14,106 0 0
Transfers	28,289	0 5 0	7,072 2 6	20,452	0 5 0	5,113 0 0
	(1 at 2/6)					
Number Plates	11,316	0 2 0	1,131 12 0	8,326	0 2 0	
	1,607	0 10 0	803 8 0	960	0 10 0	1,312 12 0
	(1 at 8/-)					
Lost Certificates and Licenses	4,707	0 2 6	588 7 6	1,712	0 2 6	214 0 0
				1	0 10 0	
Trader Cars	1,671	1 0 0	1,671 0 0	1,304	1 0 0	1,304 0 0
Trader Cycles.....	132	0 2 6	16 10 0	133	0 2 6	16 12 6
Visitors' Deposits Forfeited	210	1 0 0	210 0 0	136	1 0 0	136 0 0
Totals	554,759		311,213 10 0	458,441		252,938 14 6
Tax			1,035,639 1 3			£856,354 3 2
Exchange.....			1,693 17 10			1,441 14 11
Search Fees.....			307 19 0			202 16 9
Gross Totals			1,348,854 8 1			£1,110,940 9 4

Increase in number of Licenses issued during the year 96,318
 Increase in Tax Revenue during the year £179,234 18s. 1d.
 Increase in Fees Revenue during the year £58,274 15s. 6d.

METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC ACT.
Revenue.

Nature of License.	Each, per Annum.	1927.		1926.	
		Number Issued.	Amount.	Number Issued.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cabs—					
Horse	1 0 0	137	137 0 0	203	203 0 0
Motor	1 0 0	997	997 0 0	779	779 0 0
Vans—					
Horse	1 0 0	379	379 0 0	545	545 0 0
Motor	1 0 0	2,016	2,016 0 0	1,723	1,723 0 0
Omnibuses—					
Motor	2 0 0	525	1,050 0 0	486	972 0 0
Drivers—					
Horse-cab	0 5 0	170	42 10 0	266	66 10 0
Motor-cab.....	0 10 0	2,087	1,043 10 0	2,174	1,087 0 0
Horse-van.....	0 5 0	401	100 5 0	576	144 0 0
Motor-van	0 10 0	2,401	1,200 10 0	2,194	1,097 0 0
Motor-bus	0 10 0	1,756	878 0 0	1,926	963 0 0
Motor-bus Conductors ..	0 10 0	1,065	532 10 0	1,118	559 0 0
Transfers	0 1 0	403	20 3 0	502	25 2 0
Permits	0 1 0	246	12 6 0	263	13 3 0
Badges	0 2 0	698	69 16 0	678	67 16 0
Taximeter Tests	0 10 0	1,386	693 0 0	1,743	871 10 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	0 2 6	27	3 7 6	29	3 12 6
Total.....			£9,174 17 6	.....	£9,119 13 6

Total increase for the year, £55 4s.

1927.

TOTAL Revenue received from all sources under :—

- (a) The Motor Traffic Act ;
 (b) The Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act ; and
 (c) The Metropolitan Traffic Act.

Act.	1927.	1926.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Motor Traffic Act	311,213 10 0	252,938 14 6
The Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act... ..	1,035,639 1 3	856,354 3 2
The Metropolitan Traffic Act (Cabs, Vans, and Buses)... ..	9,174 17 6	9,119 13 6
Exchange	1,693 17 10	1,444 14 11
Search Fees	307 19 0	202 16 9
Total	£1,358,029 5 7	£1,120,060 2 10

INSPECTION of Public Vehicles, from 1st January to 31st December, 1927.

	Cabs.	Buses.	Vans.	Harness.	Motor-cabs.	Motor Vans.	Totals.
Reported unfit	21	283	1	.....	48	8	361
Passed on inspection .....	.....	12	.....	.....	9	.....	21
Found unfit and suspended	21	271	1	.....	39	8	340
Since passed	21	269	1	.....	37	8	336
Still suspended.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	4

New Cabs licensed during the year—

Horse-drawn	Nil
Motor-cabs	210

Number of—

Cabs fitted with rubber tyres	121
Owners notified that cabs require to be renovated before licenses renewed	21
Four-wheel cabs licensed	29
Motor-cabs licensed	997
Motor-vans licensed	2,016
Motor-omnibuses licensed	525

Drivers.

	Public Vehicles.	Motor Vehicles
Licenses refused	21	55
Licenses suspended	59	139
Licenses cancelled	4	12
Licenses renewed with caution	108	152
Licensed drivers cautioned by the Commissioner of Police	36	171
Licensed drivers convicted of driving whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor	33	158

LOST PROPERTY.

Articles found in public vehicles and returned to Traffic Office	1,079
Articles returned to owners.....	357
Amount received and paid to drivers as compensation.....	£38 17s. 10d.

INSPECTION OF HORSES.

	Bus.	Cab.	Van.	Private.	Total.
Reported unfit	1	2	62	65
Inspected and found fit	5	5
Found unfit and notified	1	2	57	60
Recovered and passed	2	12	14
Still unfit	1	.....	45	46

PROSECUTIONS FOR CRUELTY.

Summons cases	33
Charge cases	1
Total.....	34

RETURN of Accidents reported by Police, which occurred in Public Streets within the Metropolitan Traffic District, showing the number of Persons Killed or Injured, from 1st January, 1927, to 31st December, 1927.

<i>General Police.</i>		<i>Water Police.</i>		<i>Other Detective and Plain Clothes Police employed on Detective Work.</i>	
Commissioner	1	Inspectors, 3rd Class.....	2	Sergeants, 1st Class	5
Superintendents, 1st Class ...	3	Acting Inspector	1	Sergeants, 2nd Class	9
Superintendent, 2nd Class ...	1	Sergeant, 1st Class	1	Sergeants, 3rd Class	24
Superintendents, 3rd Class ...	6	Sergeants, 2nd Class	2	Constables, 1st Class	72
Acting Superintendent	1	Sergeants, 3rd Class	6	Constables, Ordinary	41
Inspectors, 1st Class	10	Constables, 1st Class.....	18		
*Inspectors, 2nd Class	18	Constables, Ordinary.....	19		
Inspectors, 3rd Class	33	Probationary Constables	4		
Acting Inspectors.....	3			Total.....	151
Sergeants, 1st Class	92	Total.....	53		
Sergeants, 2nd Class	144				
Sergeants, 3rd Class	324	<i>Criminal Investigation Branch.</i>		<i>Traffic Police.</i>	
Constables, 1st Class	706	Superintendent, 1st Class ..	1	Superintendent, 2nd Class ...	1
Constables, Ordinary	1,042	Inspector, 3rd Class	1	Inspector, 2nd Class	1
Probationary Constables	211	Sergeants, 1st Class	2	Sergeants, 1st Class	3
Trainees	53	Sergeants, 2nd Class	6	Sergeants, 2nd Class	5
		Sergeants, 3rd Class	14	Sergeants, 3rd Class.....	4
		Constables, 1st Class	15	Constables, 1st Class.....	54
		Constable, Ordinary	1	Constables, Ordinary	145
Total.....	2,648	Total	40	Total.....	213
				Trackers ..	31

* Includes Licensing Inspector.

APPENDIX F.

NATIONALITIES of Police in the State of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1927.

Actual Strength (exclusive of Trackers).	Australian States and New Zealand.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Welsh.	Other parts British Empire.	Other Countries.	Total.	Remarks.
3,104	2,767	155	81	80	5	11	5	3,104	Australian States and New Zealand, 89·143 per cent. English, 4·994 per cent. Scotch, 2·610 per cent. Irish, 2·577 per cent. Welsh, ·161 per cent. Other parts British Empire ·354 per cent. Other countries, ·161 per cent.

APPENDIX G.

TABLE of Ages of members of the Police Force of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1927.

Ages.	Police Force														Detective Police.					Totals.
	Superintendents, 1st class.	Superintendents, 2nd class.	Superintendents, 3rd class.	Superintendents, Acting.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Inspectors, Acting.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Probationary Constables.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	
21 to 25 years	143	169	...	...	...	...	...	317
25 " 30 "	1	513	91	...	...	...	...	...	605
30 " 35 "	1	101	163	8	...	...	...	...	578
35 " 40 "	1	9	361	110	...	...	5	7	...	493
40 " 45 "	1	...	...	2	9	127	237	7	...	...	3	8	4	...	398
45 " 50 "	3	...	23	44	136	92	4	...	12	4	5	...	...	313
50 " 55 "	6	12	4	36	72	68	36	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	243
55 " 60 "	4	2	1	8	12	21	39	29	13	22	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	157
Totals...	4	2	6	1	10	19	36	4	100	155	354	850	1,247	268	4	10	18	15	1	3,104

APPENDIX H.

LENGTH of Service of members of Police Force of New South Wales actually serving on the 31st December, 1927.

Various Services.	Police Force														Detective Police.					Totals.
	Superintend'ts, 1st class.	Superintend'ts, 2nd class.	Superintend'ts, 3rd class.	Superintendents, Acting.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Inspectors, Acting.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Probationary Constables.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	
Of and under 1 year...	230	...	...	...	...	...	230
From 1 to 5 years...	1	34	635	...	...	...	...	...	620
" 5 " 10 "	3	432	20	...	...	...	2	1	672
" 10 " 15 "	1	...	...	...	265	5	...	...	1	10	...	467
" 15 " 20 "	1	95	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	3	...	383
" 20 " 25 "	10	37	182	67	4	...	1	7	6	...	...	314
" 25 " 30 "	1	1	2	1	16	3	44	95	65	42	2	...	3	2	...	...	...	277
" 30 " 35 "	...	2	3	...	4	9	14	1	37	18	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
" 35 " 40 "	4	...	2	...	4	8	6	...	7	4	1	2	38
Totals	4	2	6	1	10	19	36	4	100	155	354	850	1,247	268	4	10	18	15	1	3,104

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